

ICT4GP Program
***“Strengthening procurement systems in
Latin America and the Caribbean through
the use of ICT tools and the promotion of
MSME participation”***

Component I

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General Objectives

- ✓ Promote efficiency, transparency and the adoption of common standards with the support of ICT tools as enablers of change.
- ✓ Increase participation of Micro, Small and Medium Size Enterprises (MSMEs) in public procurement systems of Latin America and the Caribbean.

Specific Objectives (I)

- ✓ To conduct research on current situation of public procurement systems in the region regarding adoption of ICTs and level of MSME participation, assessing ongoing efforts to enhance their access .
- ✓ To identify and analyze good practices in the procurement field at both the regional and global levels, in order to disseminate lessons learned and experiences that could be adapted/replicated.
- ✓ In particular, to identify and assess standardized and harmonized practices in public procurement in the region.

Specific Objectives (II)

- ✓ To facilitate the modernization of public procurement systems in the region through the improvement of policy tools and processes in the areas of procurement control and transparency, MSMEs access and regional harmonization.
- ✓ To explore existing practices aimed at enhancing democratic governance through the interaction of ICTs and conventional mechanisms fostering involvement of potential suppliers, professional associations and non economic interest groups.

Activities

Thematic Task Groups (TTGs)

TTG1

“Access of MSME to public markets through the reform of public procurement procedures and regulations”

TTG2

“Financial Instruments to ease access of MSME to public markets”

TTG3

“Sustainable Public Procurement in Latin America”

TTG1

“Access of MSME to public markets through the reform of public procurement procedures and regulations”

Finished – Research phase

Consultant: José Saavedra

Member countries

Brazil

Chile

Ecuador

Costa Rica

México

Paraguay

Perú

Nicaragua

Uruguay

TTG2

“Financial Instruments to ease access of MSME to public markets”

Finished – Research phase

Consultant: Leonardo Bleger

Member countries

Chile

Ecuador

Costa Rica

Nicaragua

Jamaica

TTG3

“Sustainable Public Procurement in Latin America”

Finished – Research phase

Consultant: Victoria Belaustegui

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**El
Salvador**

Colombia

Nicaragua

Perú

Dissemination phase

- ✓ Virtual meetings and forums
- ✓ Junior researchers

Implementation phase

The Program will support those countries interested in the implementation of any of the recommendations of the TTGs to formulate specific projects, that might be presented to the Component II for funding.

Proposal for the Next TTG

TTG4

Based on the interests of Caribbean Countries

Calls for Research Proposals

1

“The political economy of reforms in the Public Procurement Systems in Latin America and the Caribbean”

2

“Savings derived from the introduction of ICT in Public Procurement. Methodology and Case Studies”

3

“Impact of Free Trade Agreements in terms of Public Procurement Regimes. Costs and Benefits”

Young Researchers

- ✓ **The program will be hiring young researchers for a period of 12 months to work in the public procurement offices. They will be a nexus between the research made by the Program and national public procurement offices.**
- ✓ **Pilot: 4 researchers in countries of the TTG 3**

Scoping Study

**First Document: “Public Procurement. Conceptual aspects and best practices”,
May 2010**

**Second Document: “Public Procurement Systems in Latin America and The
Caribbean”**

- ✓ **Regulatory and Institutional Framework of Public Procurement**
- ✓ **Degree of ICT incorporation in Public Procurement Systems**
- ✓ **Level of access of MSME to Public Procurement.**
- ✓ **Sustainable Procurement.**
- ✓ **Degree of openness to foreign providers.**
- ✓ **Citizen involvement and transparency.**

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